

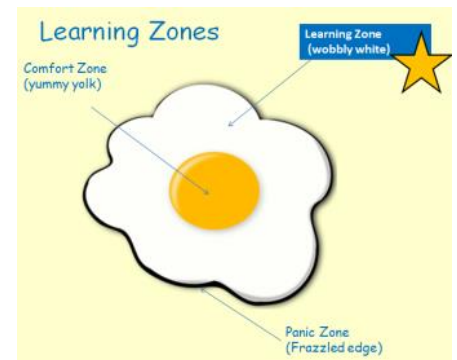
# Reaching Your Potential Newsletter

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## Growth mindset is spreading far and wide!

It is wonderful to hear from both children and parents the power that growth mindset is having on our community at Roebuck. Regularly we are hearing children talking about their 'wobbly whites' and 'yummy yolks' within lessons and it is fantastic to hear that some parents have even taken the idea of the learning zones to their work place to share with colleagues! Please do look at the school website if you need any more support with Growth Mindset, or come in and speak to Mrs Thomas or Miss Short.



This week we have been spreading the message even further by presenting at a conference in Stevenage!



### Mathletics and TTRockstars

Children should have a Mathletics username and password. We encourage them to use this regularly as it is a fun and engaging way for them to practise their maths learning. For Years 3-6, this log on information can also log them on to TTRockstars which is a website we subscribe to, to help them practise their times tables. Please encourage your child to interact with these as much as possible. A Key Stage 2 club is run by Mrs Thomas on Thursday for children who wish to access these programs during school time.



### Library- nearly revitalised and ready to go!

Mrs Thomas, Mr and Mrs Butcher and a team of parents have been very busy over the last few weeks scanning, labelling, sorting and arranging the books ready for us to launch the new opening of the library later this term. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated books and helped with the library- your help is greatly appreciated. The library will be open very, very soon so please do keep your eyes peeled for posters advertising the opening.



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### Accelerated reading- is you child in the 100% club?

As you know, reading is a key priority this year at Roebuck. Accelerated reader is a new scheme which we have bought into to help guide our free readers to books which will give them an appropriate level of challenge. This term we have launched a new incentive for children. Every time they achieve 100% on one of their quizzes, they get a marble in the jar for their house. Once they have reached 5 100% (they don't need to be consecutive), they earn an early lunch pass which entitles them to go to lunch first for Monday to Thursday of the next week. This ticket can then be put into a box in Mrs Thomas' room for the chance for your child to win a prize each half term. Remember the more they read- the more chances they will get to go in the box!

### Fun with Food

We have had great fun working with some families this half term, running workshops to simply have fun with food! So far we have decorated biscuits practising our motor skills and planning out our designs and last week made pizzas having fun with fractions and symmetry by making sure our toppings looked even and were fair. Thank you so all for attending and we are excited for our next workshop coming up soon.



### Supporting Reading and Early Phonics workshop

It was lovely to see so many parents attending the workshop which we held earlier this month. The reception children were delighted to invite their parents in and share with them their phonics activities. Afterward, a brief workshop was held which was well attended and which we hope gave you lots of ideas about how you can support phonics and reading at home.

Some of the key things to remember are:

- Reading sessions don't ALL have to be about just decoding. Lots of other reading comprehension skills can be practised and learned from simple picture books.
- Correct articulation of sounds can really help your child- Google: Articulation of sounds and look in videos. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW\\_v-1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s)
- A great phonics resource is Phonics Play: <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Activity ideas...

**Predicting, summarising, retrieving & inferring**

Retrieving  
Where is the ...?

Summarising  
What is the picture about?

Predicting  
What might....?

Inferring  
Why do you think...?

### Workshops for next term

We are in the process of arranging workshops for the Spring Term and a letter will be out before Christmas with all of the details.

Please remember you can always contact us through the school office, our feedback box, the school website or drop in in the morning or straight after school.

Miss Short and Mrs Thomas

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